



## NEW CHARTER

### Tuttle Bill Passed House Last Night.

### TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY

### Original Bill as Passed the Senate Goes Through Without Amendment.

### ONLY FIVE MEMBERS ABSENT

The Tuttle Astoria Charter Bill Discussed at Length and Finally Passed by a Vote of Thirty-Nine to Sixteen.

Salem, Feb. 8.—(Special.)—The Astoria charter bill, which passed the senate last week was made a special order for tonight in the house. The bill was read a third time.

Burns of Clatsop spoke against the bill while Hermann, Lithicum and Mills spoke in favor of it. The bill was passed without any amendment by a vote of 39 to 16, 5 members being absent. The absent members would have voted for the bill had they been present.

The bill is the same as outlined in the Astorian. It provides for changing the elections from December to June, appoints S. S. Gordon, F. J. Carney and R. G. Prael as police and fire commissioners, and contains most of the features of the Burns bill adopted by the common council of Astoria.

It is probable that the bill will be vetoed by the governor, in which event it will be passed over the veto, more than enough republicans having pledged themselves to do so.

### JORDAN CONFESSES.

### States That Senatorial Bribery Charges Are All True.

Sacramento, Feb. 8.—In the senatorial bribery investigation tonight, Joseph S. Jordan, accused as the agent of accused senators, took the witness stand and testified that the charges are true. Jordan said he was employed by Clarence Grange of the Phoenix Building & Loan Association, and was asked if he could go to any senators and make a money proposition to them for protection if any investigation was likely to be held.

Jordan's testimony was extremely sensational. He detailed how he asked Senator Bunkers if \$250 would be enough, and Bunkers said it would. He testified that Detective Ticeator gave him four rolls each of \$50 in greenbacks and described the manner in which he gave the money to Senators Bunker, French, Emmons and Wright. Jordan stated that when he met Bunkers the next day Bunkers said he "had a kick coming." Bunkers stated that his roll was \$50 short. Jordan testified that he told Bunkers he would speak to Clarence Grange about the shortage.

### STORMY TIME.

### Washington Legislators Warm Up Over Liability Law.

Olympia, Feb. 8.—The firemen's relief bill, which passed the senate, was defeated in the house today. Poyns of Pierce county gave notice that he would move to reconsider. The objection to the bill was in effect that it appointed money from the general fund and would serve as an entering wedge for pensioning other public officers.

The house had a stormy time over the Davis factory inspection bill which contains an employer's liability clause fixing \$5000 as maximum amount recoverable for damages in case of the death of an employe. A motion to cut out the liability clause was defeated, and the amount was raised to \$7500. The bill went over until tomorrow for final action.

The senate passed the senate bill giving the logging, mining and irrigation companies the right of eminent do-

main; and also the house bill empowering counties to appoint funds for local exhibition at the Lewis and Clark centennial.

### IN THE SENATE.

### Kearns Disclaims His Vote on the Statehood Bill.

Washington, Feb. 8.—The senate today received from Mr. Kearns a disclaimer of the vote in favor of separate statehood for New Mexico, which the records yesterday credited him with. He said he had been misunderstood by the clerks and he voted against the provision. Several senators corroborated his statement, but a number asserted that they understood him to vote for the amendment.

The senate spent almost an hour in connection with the house of representatives, in canvassing the presidential vote and the remainder of the session was devoted to executive business.

### MONSTER EXPLOSION.

### Ten Thousand Pounds of Dynamite Touched Off.

Calumet, Mich., Feb. 8.—Ten thousand pounds of dynamite stored underground in a magazine at the eighth level of the North Kearsarge branch of the Oncoela Consolidated mine exploded today, killing several men and injuring many others by the force of the explosion, which was felt for miles around. Men working in other portions of the mine some miles distant were knocked down by the explosion.

The cause of the disaster is shrouded in mystery and may never be discovered, as William Pollitt, Jr., the man in charge of the powder, is probably blown into a thousand pieces, no traces of him having been found up to this hour.

### Old Sailor Dies.

Washington, Feb. 8.—Rear Admiral Crosby, retired, died today from paralysis, aged 65 years.

## STRIKES CONTINUE

### Recurrence of Capital Riots is Imminent.

### SITUATION IS BAD AT LODZ

### Strikers Want Work and Threaten to Resort to Violence if the Factories Are Closed—Maxim Gorky is Being Examined.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 8.—A partial strike at the Putiloff iron works and a complete tie-up of the St. Petersburg car factory gave rise to rumors today of a general recrudescence of the strike movement here.

The success of the managers of the Putiloff works in preventing the great body of workmen from following the example of their comrades in two of the shops who walked out gives basis for hope of an amicable settlement. The present trouble involves questions of pay for the time the men were out on strike and an eight hour day.

### SITUATION UNCERTAIN.

### Factories Will Give the Strikers a Last Chance.

Lodz, Feb. 8.—The situation here is uncertain, and nothing definite will be known until Friday, when the largest manufacturers have decided to open the mills and give the men a last chance to work.

The masters say if there is no response Friday they will close the mills indefinitely, and it is reported that the strikers have decided to resort to violence in case the mills are closed down.

Everything is quiet today.

### Gorky Interrogated.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 8.—The interrogation of Maxim Gorky by the public prosecutor was begun yesterday. Gorky is quite well and is subjected only to the ordinary regulations of prisoners in the fortress.

### Togo Raises Flag.

Tokio, Feb. 8.—Admiral Togo arrived at Kure today and immediately raised his flag on the battleship Mikasa.

## USUAL GRIST

### Grand Jury Returns More Indictments.

### MITCHELL GETS HIS

### Senator's Law Partner is Indicted for Perjured Testimony in January.

### VALENTINE FOR BROWNELL

### Jury Alleges That the Senior Senator From Oregon and His Law Partner Put Up a Job on That August Body.

Portland, Feb. 8.—The federal jury today returned four indictments in connection with the land fraud cases. Judge A. H. Tanner, law partner of Senator Mitchell, was indicted for alleged perjury in giving testimony before the grand jury on January 31 last during the investigation of charges against Mitchell.

Hamilton H. Hendricks, secretary and treasurer of the Butte Creek Land, Livestock & Lumber Company, was indicted for subornation of perjury in connection with the testimony of Geo. W. Hawks and Clyde Brown before the grand jury on January 23. Henry Meldrum, ex-United States surveyor general of Oregon; George F. Waggoner, chief clerk in the surveyor's office; David W. Kinnaird, examiner of surveys; Rufus S. Moore, surveyor, and John W. Mamaker and Frank Van Winkle, notaries public, are indicted on a charge of conspiracy to defraud the United States government of public lands in central Oregon.

The indictment against Tanner alleges that while the witness was before the grand jury, and under oath, he said the firm of Mitchell & Tanner received moneys and other compensation for work done by Frederick A. Kribe, expending lands through the general land office, but Mitchell did not receive any part for himself. This the government thinks is untrue, and will attempt to prove that Mitchell received money and placed it to his account at the end of each month.

It is further alleged that Tanner testified that the office did not keep any book accounts showing portions of such money, were received by Mitchell, when in fact such accounts were kept and were then in existence. Another thing charged against Tanner is testimony in regard to the co-partnership agreement dated March 5, 1901. One provision is to the effect that if any legal business is undertaken by the firm in the absence of Mitchell not in keeping with the obligations of the senior senator as an official of the government all fees for such work should go to Tanner.

It is alleged this document was not written in 1901, but during the recent visit of Senator Mitchell to this city. The indictment of Hendricks is due to subornation of perjury said to have been accomplished January 15, 1905. It is alleged Hendricks procured Clyde Brown and George W. Hawkins to appear before the grand jury January 23 last and swear he had taken up a portion of land in Wheeler county for his own use and not with a view to transferring it.

Meldrum et al were indicted for having entered into a conspiracy about 1902 to defraud the government by fraudulent surveys. It is alleged that the defendants took advantage of the fact that they filed in the office of the surveyor general a number of forged and false applications for survey purporting to be from bona fide settlers of lands upon which they were living but it is alleged the defendants knew the lands were arid and uninhabited.

The fourth indictment, that against

Brownell, is an amendatory document to the indictment of last week accusing him of subornation of perjury.

### QUADRENNIAL FUNCTION.

### House Officially Considers Electoral College Vote.

Washington, Feb. 8.—Although the result of the presidential election was known early in the evening of November 8, not until today, when the senate and house met in joint session, were Roosevelt and Fairbanks officially declared elected president and vice president for four years beginning March 4. This quadrennial function of congress attracted to the house chamber an immense gathering.

President Pro Tem Frye of the senate presided and delivered the announcement of the result of the count which showed Roosevelt and Fairbanks received 236 electoral votes and Parker and Davis 140. The whole proceeding consumed exactly 15 minutes.

For two hours preceding and three hours following the joint proceedings the explosion, which was felt for miles the question of the freight rates regulation bill held full sway.

### Limited Wrecked.

Little Falls, N. Y., Feb. 8.—The west bound southwestern limited on the New York Central jumped the track at St. Johnsville tonight, the train running at high rate of speed, and every car left the track, running for a quarter of a mile on the ground before stopping. The passengers were badly shaken up and three trucks were blocked for some hours. The locomotive remained on the rails.

### Attorney Dies.

San Francisco, Feb. 8.—Frank L. Moore, a prominent attorney of Baker City, died in this city today after a long illness. His body will be shipped to Eugene, Ore., for interment.

## SENATOR DISOWNED

### Legislature Would Not Tolerate an Agitator.

### ACCUSED'S DEFENSE IS GOOD

### Ejected Member Denounces His Judges in a Fiercy Speech Reeking With Blasphemy and Rancour Against the Action.

Springfield, Ill., Feb. 8.—Frank D. Comerford, representative of the second senatorial district of Cook county to the general assembly, was today expelled and his name stricken from the rolls of the house. His expulsion is the climax of a series of sensational charges of corruption and attempted bribery made by Comerford against members of the Illinois legislature in a lecture before a law college in Chicago which were investigated by a special committee of the house appointed for that purpose, which found, after protracted sittings and listening to a great mass of testimony, that the charges were utterly unfounded.

Comerford, in a brilliant speech, reviewed the testimony taken before the investigating committee and fiercely scored the committee for so limiting the scope of investigation, saying: "God Almighty himself, if he came here, would have been prevented from getting evidence against a self-confessed thief. This committee stands convicted before the country of resorting to subterfuges to prevent a real investigation," he said.

Comerford denounced certain members of the house for the nature of their testimony before the committee, which he claimed was far different from what they told him. The members of the investigating committee one after the other, arose and hotly resented Comerford's reflections on the action of the committee.

### Newport Disabled.

New York, Feb. 8.—The steamer Concho in today from Galveston, yesterday passed the disabled gunboat Newport from Boston to Santo Domingo. The Newport reported that she lost her propeller on February 3. The Newport simply asked the Concho to report her.

## ALL ESCAPED

### Captain of Damara Reaches the Shore.

### MISSING BOAT FOUND

### All Its Occupants Were Encased in a Thick Coat of Ice.

### WOMAN CHEERED TIRED MEN

### Thrilling Story of the Miraculous Escape of Missing Members of the Crew and Passengers of the British Steamer Damara.

Halifax, Feb. 8.—After battling for 12 hours with the elements in an open boat with the temperature below zero and a mighty gale lashing the sea, Captain Gorst, three passengers and 10 of the crew of the steamer Damara, arrived at Pleasant Point safely just before dark last evening, and the seamen report all in the captain's lifeboat were badly frost bitten and exhausted, some of them being so benumbed they had to be lifted out of their seats.

Every person was encased in thick ice from head to foot.

Mrs. Prowse, a woman passenger in the boat, bore up under the trying ordeal wonderfully well, and endured the great hardship with fortitude. She encouraged the men when they were almost overcome by the cold and wearied by constant work at the oars. When near the landing the rowers became so fatigued they could not force the boat through the surf, and the men on shore waded out and dragged the boat in.

Captain Gorst said the Damara foundered at 10 o'clock yesterday morning. They stood by six hours in the lifeboat and only when the steamer went down did they pull away. The arrival of the captain's boat completes the list of passengers and crew of the vessel, the chief officer's boat having reached shore last night also at another point. It was feared the captain's boat had been lost and tugs and steamers are still out searching for it.

### Entrenching Somewhere.

Tokio, Feb. 8. (2 p. m.)—Reports from the Manchurian army headquarters say that the Russians shelled various parts of the Japanese lines last Monday and Monday night. Small forces of Russian infantry attacked at various points but all were repulsed.

It is further reported that the Russians continue to entrench in the direction of Wanchaiyuantzu, Litajentun, Chenchienpao and Heikoutai.

### Against Trunk Railways.

Salem, Feb. 8.—The bill to compel trunk railroads to connect with and handle the business of branch lines, passed the house today in the face of strong opposition. The Multnomah delegation with one exception voted against the bill. The house also passed the pure food bill and the senate bill creating the Malheur irrigation district.

### Duty on Lumber.

Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 8.—To a large delegation of Canadian lumbermen from all sections of the dominion, who waited on the premier and asked that a cash duty of \$2 a thousand be placed on rough timber imported into Canada from the United States, Mr. Laurier said he would consider the matter.

### WORTHY CHARITY.

Chicago, Feb. 8.—Before the National Promotion of Health Club, Mrs. Cornelia Claffin has announced that the club has been offered 100 acres of land

in the Ozark mountains as a place of recreation for sick shop girls on the condition that the organization increase its membership to 1000.

"There are many girls who work in the stores from one year to the other," she said, "who are tired out and need a complete rest. Our plan is to have a place where they can spend a few months of the summer, living in tents, and recover the health they have lost in the stores."

### Coins Ignored.

New York, Feb. 8.—The ticket choppers, ticket agents, trainmen and conductors on the elevated railroads are now reported to be preparing a list of demands to lay before the interborough Rapid Transit Company. It is said the men will claim that the terms of a verbal agreement made with their representatives some time ago when a strike on the elevated lines was threatened, have been ignored.

### Many Want Peace.

Tokio, Feb. 8.—A report coming from London to the effect that Grand Dukes of Russia, determined to secure peace had asked the friendly offices of Great Britain, was published in Tokio today. The foreign office denies any knowledge of the matter.

### Swindler on Trial.

St. Louis, Feb. 8.—John J. Ryan, who gained notoriety through his connection with an alleged "get rich quick" turf investment company was placed on trial in the St. Louis circuit court under an indictment charging him with embezzlement of \$300,000 by means of that concern.

### Caught in Ice.

Chicago, Feb. 8.—Two passenger steamers plying between Chicago and Milwaukee are fast in the ice off the entrance to the Chicago river. Both vessels have a number of passengers aboard, but it is claimed there is no danger of an accident to either boat.

## BANK IS ROBBED

### Safe Crackers Get a Rich Haul of Cash.

### ROBBERS ARE BEING TRACED

### Believed They Are Local Men Who Did the Job and Then Boarded a Train for Portland—Bank is Protected by Insurance.

Lebanon, Feb. 8.—Robbers who left no clew, cracked the bank of Lebanon safe some time last night and got away with almost \$9000. Local parties are suspected. The robbers bored through the main safe and then cracked the inner safe with explosives. Before cracking the safe they secured 100 packages of chittam bark from a storehouse a block distant, and piled it about the safe to deaden the sound. The bank will lose nothing, being fully protected by banker's insurance.

The indications are that three or four men were engaged in the work. The bank is situated on Lebanon's leading business corner. The robbers were traced to Albany, whence it is supposed they walked to Jefferson and boarded a train for Portland.

### Nothing Done.

New Orleans, Feb. 8.—At the adjourned meeting of the American Turf Association the matter of framing the by-laws and constitution was again taken up, but it was impossible to complete all the details, so that this subject has again been postponed. A board of directors, an executive committee and a board of appeals were chosen. Racing dates have not yet been arranged.

### First Class Fort.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 8.—It is announced by supreme command, that Vladivostok will for the duration of the war be reckoned a first class instead of a second class fortress.

### Shocking Crime.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 8.—Emperor Nicholas has annotated the report of the secretary of state of Finland on Soininen's assassination with the words "a shocking crime."